UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Central Vermont Public Service Corp.)	Docket No. ER08-615-000
Green Mountain Power Corp.)	
New England Power Co.)	
Northeast Utilities Service Co.)	
United Illuminating Co.)	

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF THE MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

The Maine Public Utilities Commission ("MPUC"), by and through counsel, Lisa Fink, State of Maine Public Utilities Commission, 242 State Street, 18 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0018, and Lisa S. Gast, Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer & Pembroke, P.C., 1615 M Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036, respectfully files this Notice of Intervention ("Intervention") in the above-captioned proceeding regarding the February 29, 2008 filing by Central Vermont Public Service Corp., Green Mountain Power Corp., New England Power Co., Northeast Utilities Service Co., and United Illuminating Co. (collectively "Schedule 20A Service Providers") of amendments to Schedule 20A of Section II of the Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT") of the Independent System Operator-New England ("ISO-NE"). In support of the MPUC's Intervention, the MPUC states as follows:

I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

This Notice of Intervention and Protest is filed pursuant to Rule 214(a)(2) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission"), 18 C.F.R. §§ 385.214(a)(2) (2007), and the Commission's March 6,

2008 Combined Notice of Filings #1, in which the Commission established March 21, 2008, as the date by which interventions and protests are to be filed.

The persons to whom correspondence, pleadings, and other papers in relation to this proceeding should be addressed and the persons whose names are to be placed on the Commission's official service list are designated as follows pursuant to Rule 203, 18 C.F.R. § 385.203 (2007):

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II. NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

Under Maine law, the MPUC is the state commission designated by statute with jurisdiction over rates and service of electric utilities in the state. *See* 35-A M.R.S.A. § 101 *et seq.* It is, therefore, a "state commission" under the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 1.101(k) (2006). Accordingly, the MPUC hereby gives notice of its intervention pursuant to Rule 214(a)(2), 18 C.F.R. § 385.214(a)(2) (2007) and respectfully requests that the Commission recognize the MPUC as an intervenor in this proceeding, with all rights attendant thereto.

III. BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION OF FILING

On February 29, 2008, the Schedule 20A Service Providers filed proposed amendments to their respective parts of Schedule 20A that will permit them to recover the lost opportunity costs associated with providing transmission service for capacity transactions over the HQ Tie during the Transition Period leading to the full implementation of the Forward Capacity Market ("FCM") in New England in 2010. The Schedule 20A Service Providers request the Filing Parties propose that their respective Schedule 20A rates for transmission service be the higher of the embedded cost rate for transmission service over the HQ Tie or the lost opportunity costs associated with the loss of capacity credits in the service month during the Transition Period to the FCM (December 1, 2006 to May 31, 2010). The Schedule 20A Service Providers claim that New England electricity customers will be negatively impacted by the rates in place during this Transition Period.

IV. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

WHEREFORE, the Maine Public Utilities Commission hereby submits

its notice of intervention in this proceeding.

Dated: March 21, 2008 Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding either by U.S. Mail or electronic service, as appropriate. Dated at Washington, D.C., this 21st day of March, 2008.

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